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FOR HARTMAN FROM SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A), CY

SUBJ: DECLARATION BY NINE ON CYPRUS

1. SAUVAGNARGUES BROUGHT UP A PROPOSED DEMARCHE BY THE NINE CONCERNING CYPRUS EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION AND URGING THAT THERE BE NO ALTERATION IN THE STATUS QUO. THE FRENCH SAID THIS WAS PROPOSED IN JUNE BUT REJECTED BY THE BRITISH. NOW, BRITISH STRONGLY SUPPORT THE IDEA.

2. THE SECRETARY QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE IS ANY REAL DANGER THAT THE STATUS QUO MIGHT BE ALTERED AND COMMENTED THAT A DECLARATION COULD AFFECT THE DELIGATE PROBLEM OF ACTION BY OUR CONGRESS AND THE TURKISH REACTION TO IT.

3. THE FRENCH DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY CLEAR EVIDENCE OF A THREAT TO THE STATUS QUO, REFERRING TO A SMALL DANGER OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS.

4. IN THE COURSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE FRENCH INDICATED THAT DEMARCHE WOULD BE TO THE THREE CAPITALS AND WOULD INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT SUCH A STEP BY THE NINE WOULD DO NO HARM AND COULD BE QUITE USEFUL. HE ADDED

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THAT WE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH REGARDING OUR OWN EFFORTS.

5. IN LATER TALK WITH DE LABOULAYE, HE INDICATED ITALIANS WOULD RAISE DEMARCHE WITH US IN BEHALF OF NINE. I TOLD DE LABOULAYE THAT WE WOULD RESPOND TO ITALIANS ALONG LINE OF SECRETARY'S ABOVE COMMENT, BUT WE DO NOT WANT FRENCH TO USE OUR APPROVAL WITH OTHERS IN NINE WHO MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS. DE LABOULAYE SAID THE NINE WERE ALL AGREED ON DEMARCHE.

6. PLEASE FOLLOW UP AS NECESSARY.
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